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The Honorable Daniel R. Elliot, III Chairman Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street, SW Suite 1220 Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Chairman Elliot:

I am writing to express my support for a strong freight railroad network, not only in Southern Indiana, but across the entire nation.

Our business community depends on the railroad. As America finally begins to pull itself out of the Great Recession, we do not need to reverse progress by damaging the ability of the rail industry to reinvest and continue to provide quality, dependable service.

The Harrison County Economic Development Corporation supports a healthy freight rail network that encourages reinvestment by the rail industry, supports job growth and continued economic recovery.

We oppose any policy or regulatory changes that would hinder the freight railroads' ability to continue investing billions of dollars annually in private capital to grow and modernize the nation's rail infrastructure. We respectfully request that no regulatory or policy changes be pursued at this time by the Surface Transportation Board. We need to maintain the strong and well-balanced regulatory regime we have in place today.

Thank you for your consideration of our position.

Sincerely,

Darrell Voelke

Director